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OAKLAND FARMS

Sykesville

Private

seventeen and eighteen hundreds

Initially Oakland Farms was a five bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story high brick structure (laid in running bond) facing east with gable roof and dormer windows, located on a tract of land known as Shipley's Discovery patented in 1726.

It is believed that Henry Forsythe built the original structure and 100 years later his grandson, Judge William Henry Forsythe, Jr. enlarged it.

This enlargement of brick, five bays wide, two bays deep and two and one half stories high was constructed along the south wall of the original structure and faces south with a central door and hall. Brick chimneys are inset into the north and south walls of the original structure and into the east and west walls of the addition.

Several one and two story porches were added to the building in the late 1890's, some of which are now enclosed or screened in.

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District #4

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Oakland Farms					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Shipley's Discovery, Patented 1726					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 14175 Old Frederick Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Sykesville,					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Howard 21784		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
Comments _____ _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Katharine Barrows					
STREET AND NUMBER: 14175 Old Frederick Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Sykesville			STATE: Maryland 21784		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
Tax Map 8-148/157 pp 521/622 pp 215.54 A p 164 Book 12					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records					
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Courthouse					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE: Maryland 21043		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1976 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland 21401		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original structure is a five bay wide, three story high brick (laid in running bond) building with gable roof and dormer windows.

The windows are proportionally scaled from first to third stories. The first and second story windows are double-hung with six-over-six lites.

Two rectangular doors are located on the east elevation, one on the right and one on the left and surmounted by stretcher brick flat arched lintels similar to those over all the windows.

Inserted into the gable roof are two dormer roman arched windows with two-over-two lites and pointed pediment. Two brick chimneys are located on the north and south sides of the building.

The north elevation contains two four lite small windows located in the third story which rises to the apex of the roof line. The windows have header brick flat lintels.

The west elevation contains a rectangular kitchen door on the northwest corner, a rectangular pantry door south of this kitchen door, and moving south, a rectangular double-hung window with six-over-six lites on either side of a rectangular door leading on to the sun porch addition.

All doors and windows have stretcher brick flat arched lintels. It is possible that one or more of these doors were originally windows to the original house.

South Elevation: An addition was constructed against the south wall of the original structure in late 1890's. The addition is five bays wide and two bays deep facing south with a central door and hall. The south elevation has proportionally scaled fenestration. The central rectangular doorway has a five lite transom and is flanked by two double-hung windows with two-over-two lites and shutters. The second floor has five double-hung windows with two-over-two lites and shutters. Dormer windows are inserted into the gable roof, are rectangular in shape with six-over-two lites, flanked by pilasters and surmounted by a pediment. Brick chimneys are located on the east and west sides of the addition.

The west elevation has a first floor oriel window located on the right hand side supported by six brackets and capped with a hipped roof. There are double-hung windows with shutters and two-over-two lites located on the north, west and south exposures of the bay. Another double-hung window with shutters and two-over-two lites is located north of the oriel window. A cellar door is located below.

Double-hung windows with shutters and two-over-two lites are located on the second floor and two smaller windows with six lites are located within the apex of the gable roof line.

Later Additions: In the late 1890's at about the same time that Oakdale, Governor Warfield's home was being renovated, the Forsythes, friends of the Warfields, renovated their home and added several one and two story porches.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Oakland Farms, circa 1843 is located on a tract of land known as Shipley's Discovery patented in 1726.

It is believed that Henry Forsythe built the original structure and 100 years later his Grandson, William Henry Forsythe, Jr., a lawyer, enlarged the house. William Henry Forsythe, Jr. served in the House of Delegates of the Maryland Assembly. In 1907 he was appointed Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit by Governor Edwin Warfield. Judge Forsythe was greatly respected and was reelected to a second fifteen-year term. In 1942 he became Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, sitting on the Court of Appeals of Maryland until retirement in 1946.

The property is presently owned by his daughter, Katharine Forsythe Barrows who unearthed an interesting stone approximately 2 feet wide, 6 feet long and ½ foot deep with the initials S.D. and the date 1726. It is believed to stand for Shipley's Discovery and the patent date of 1726.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

C.F. Stein, Jr. Origin and History of Howard County, Maryland published by the Author in cooperation with the Howard County Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland, 1972, p. 204, 102.

Warfield, Joshua D.

Founder of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland, Baltimore 1905.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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SE	0	.	.	0	.	.	0	.	.
SW	0	.	.	0	.	.	0	.	.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

215.54 Acres

See Tax Map 8 - Howard County, Maryland

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora B. Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Howard County - Comprehensive Planning	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Court House Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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South Elevation:

A one story flat roofed, wooden porch supported by four wooden doric columns with entablature and reached by five wooden steps and a brick bottom step was added to the south elevation. A bannister encloses the east and west sides of the porch. Stone piles form a foundation for the porch structure with wooden lattice work between the piles.

West Elevation:

A west porch added along the five bay wide original north wing of the house is supported by five wooden doric columns and entablature. Later a two story wooden sun porch filled in the south side of this open porch three bays wide. An additional one story bay of the open porch was enclosed to form a pantry and the remaining bay is screened outside the kitchen door to complete the enclosure of the original open porch.

North Elevation:

An additional one story, flat roofed wooden porch was located in the northeast corner of the addition supported by doric columns. The porch is now screened in and a rectangular door on the north elevation of the 1890 addition leads onto the screened in porch. This door is surmounted by a four lite transom.

A small frame pump house and tool shed is located on the northwest corner of the house. A barn and pond are located south of the house.

ROBT. R. LEVICK
ARTHUR PINCUS
474/271
77.08A.
P.166

GEO. K.
RITTEN-
HOUSE
439/496
10.12A.
P.177

R.D. LANDRI
P.J. LANDRI
633/123
12.07A
P.39

VALTER
TERRY, III
39/394
15.00A.
P.181

D.F.
BATEMAN

R.J. 1626/3

BARRA 6.30A. 235 P.119

DJEMAL 5.72A. 245

RAMADEN P.220

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9-B 3.00A. 5.98A. P.234

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OLD

FREDERICK

RD.

5.0

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5.08A. P.268

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TAYMAP 8

KATHERINE BARRO
148/157 D.D.
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215.54A.
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SAMUEL T.
CREECH JR.
475/413
6.00A. 51
P.151

GROSS, JR.
626/608
29.85A.
P.78

WHEELER P.162
671/618
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NETTIE YOUNG
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P/O P.59

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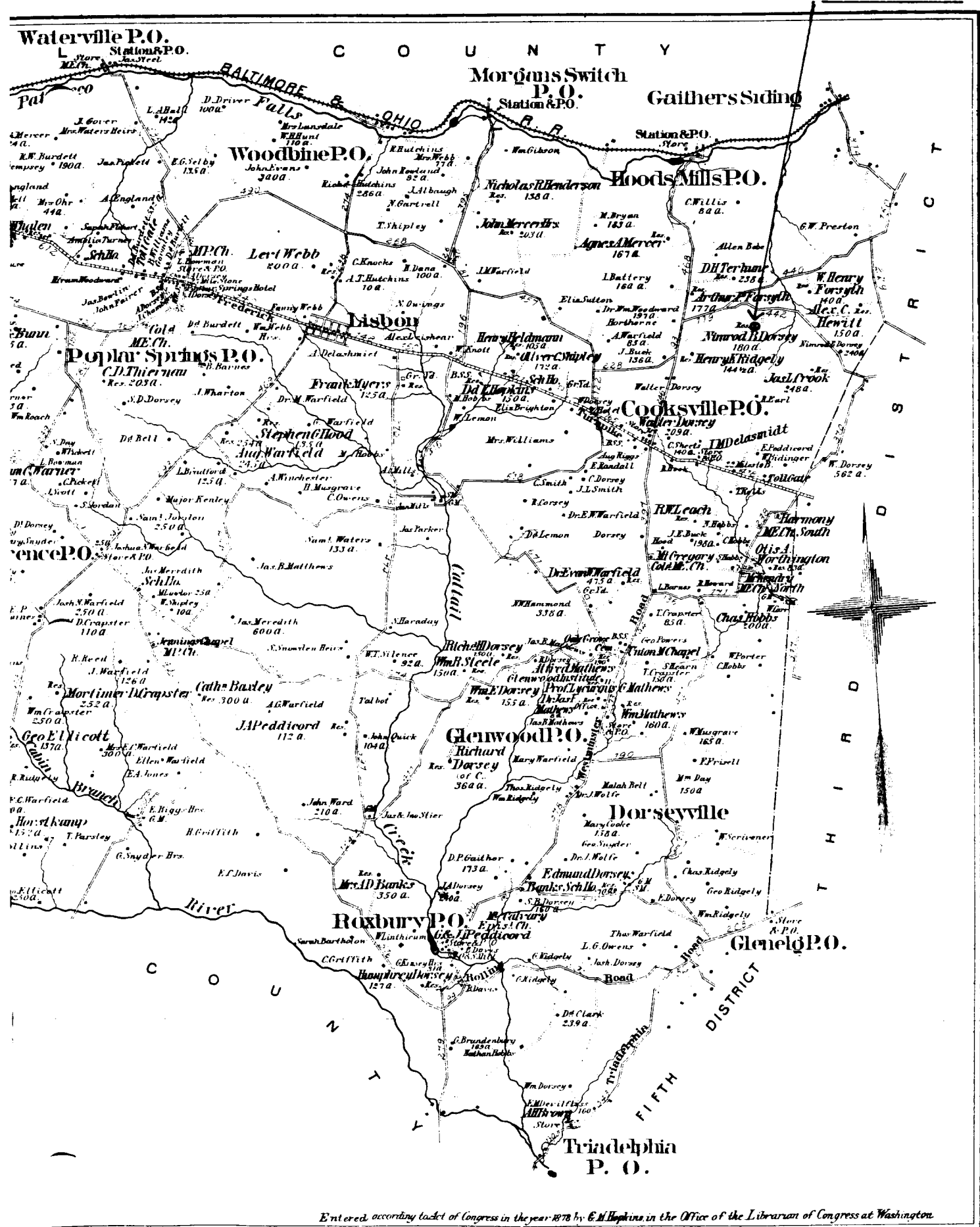
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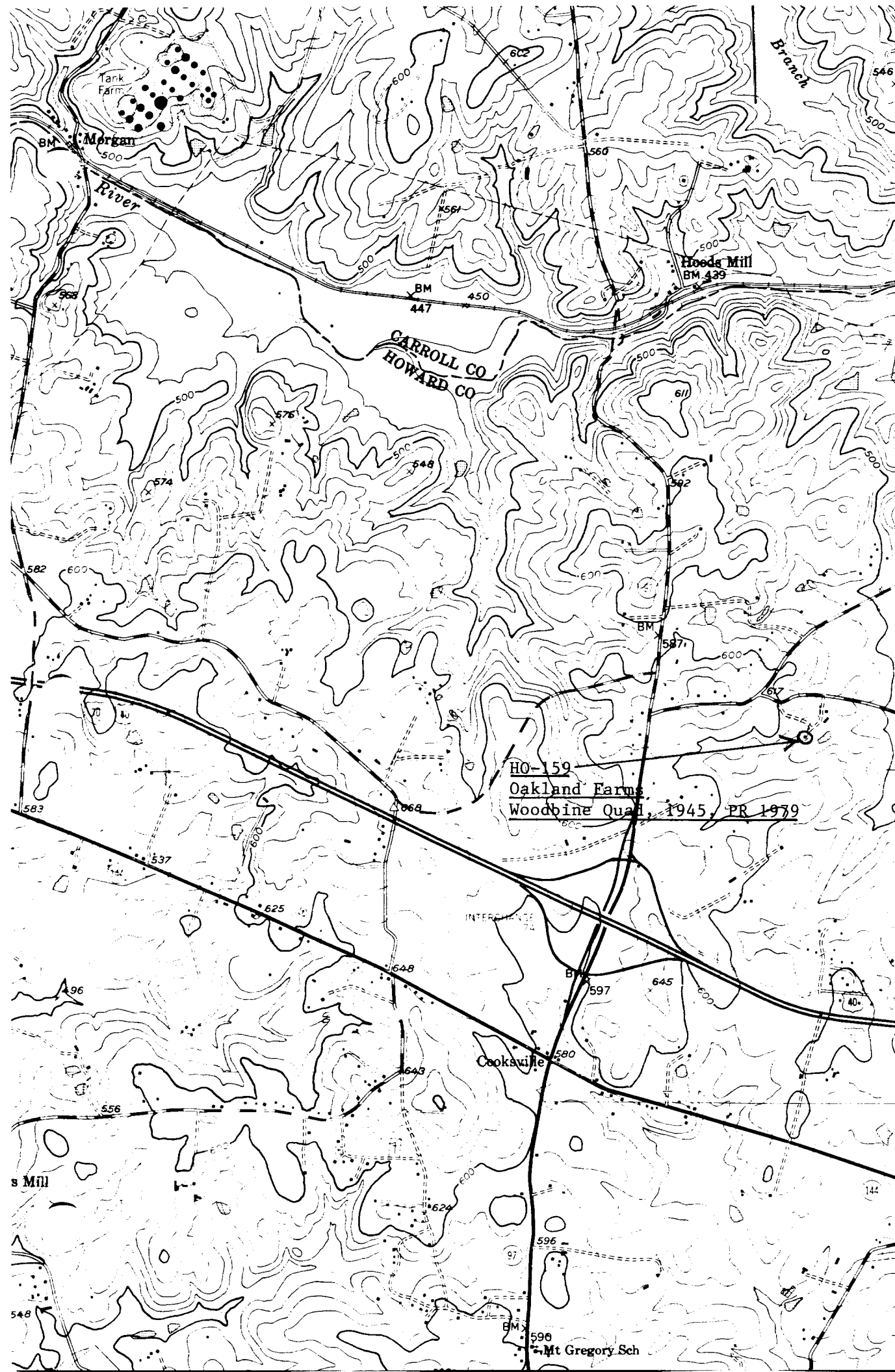
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LEISTER
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BERNARD
LEVITAS
692/177
10.16A.
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FLORENCE C.
BLAISDELL
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